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Rev. Amos A. Phelps  
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(Care of Rev. S. W. Wilson)  
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desirous to obtain information. The secretary, Mrs  
Ira Ingraham<sup>of Brandon</sup>, can give information on that subject.

The people in this state need information on the  
subject of slavery, but this they will not obtain unless urged  
upon them. Cannot your Society send on a good rep-  
resentative of its publications? If I can be of any service in dis-  
tributing them in this region, will cheerfully do it. — have  
no doubt as to the final triumph of this cause; but much  
more efficient means must be used before this  
state is converted to the truth. Send on a powerful  
agent without delay. Yours in the best of bonds,  
William Eaton.



Could no better man be obtained, than myself, have  
sometimes that, I could engage in an agency for a few  
months as an experiment & should it prove successful, -  
perhaps continue the agency. But the subject is too important  
to decide upon hastily - Have an affectionate people  
from whom I cannot tear myself away without mighty  
reasons.

The Rev. J. F. Goodhue of Shore-  
ham, is a thorough going abolitionist, a man of character &  
ability; (his manner not the most desirable.) Whether he could  
be obtained as an agent, I have no knowledge. There are  
probably other clergymen who are abolitionists, but my acquaint-  
ance is limited - having resided in the state but 16 months.

Rejoice to hear you have been at Andover.  
Men may attempt to enforce the "gag law" but public  
opinion will soon sweep such barriers away. It is too  
late in the day to sew up the mouths of students.

As to your inquiry respecting vacant positions,  
- there are many in N. H. tho' not just in this region.  
I should rejoice to see 8 or 10 Andover students come on  
here in the fall - they will find employ. Understand  
there are a number of destitute chh's in the South eastern  
part of the state, desirous to obtain Pastors. Rev. Daniel  
D. Morton of Springfield is a suitable man for the  
students of Andover to correspond with as this subject.  
I am also informed, that the Dorner - Miss - Society are



Rev. Willm Eaton.  
Charlotte Aug. 1. 1825

Dear Brother,

I have delayed, a few days answering your kind letter, because I knew not what answer to give. And even now, I am not fully decided as to the path of duty. In respect to principles, I am an abolitionist in every bone & sinew & fibre of my system. And there is no benevolent object to advance which, I could more readily enunciate my services. But I doubt my qualifications for an agency. To say nothing in respect to mental capacity, my physical system is not of a right stamp, - and I am too far advanced in life to be transformed. I have always been a domestic man, and only a few days from home, generally unfit in body & mind for public services. Besides, this is emphatically a hard field. The pulpits, particularly in the middle & northern parts of the State are generally fast closed against agents of the A. S. Society. Can you not send us here an experienced & powerful man to spend a few months, just to give a turn to public opinion; and then the current shall have one, at its right, minor agents can direct its course. Are not the services of such a man more needed here at this time, than in Mr. Cant Mr Thompson or yourself or both spend a short time here?